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AMENDMENT B AND RESPONSE

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 28, 2001, the shortened statutory period for response ending on November 28, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows and please consider the following remarks. A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is being filed with this response.

In sections 1 and 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner required a substitute specification including claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(a) because a new specification is required if a number or nature of the amendments render it difficult to consider the application or to arrange the paper for printing and copying. Applicant is amending the claims, that are part of the specification, by adding new claims. Therefore, the following are being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b) together with this response:

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